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Sir:

In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment (37 CFR §1.121) mailed  
herein on February 12, 2003, please correct the Amendment received February 3,  
2002 as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Cancel claim 26, and amend claim 18 as follows:

- 18. A method for making low-sulfur diesel fuel comprising:
- a. combining hydrogen-containing gas with a liquid hydrocarbon stream  
containing less than 3 wt % sulfur as organic sulfur compounds to form a feed  
stream;
  - b. passing said feed stream over a monolithic catalyst bed containing  
hydrotreating catalyst components to convert organic sulfur compounds to  
hydrogen sulfide and produce a treated hydrocarbon effluent;
  - c. separating the treated hydrocarbon effluent from a sour gas containing the  
hydrogen sulfide,
  - d. wherein the separated, treated liquid hydrocarbon is a diesel fuel contains  
less than about 5000 wppm sulfur.--

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